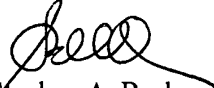


REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 6-8, 15, 22-24, and 31 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

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